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Tarabulus al-Gharb.SOVIET SOLDIERS' PREFERENCE FOR GERMANY IRRITATES STALIN

In a long review of Communist activities throughout the world in 1950, Tarabulus al-Gharb, a daily newspaper published in Tripoli, Libya, concluded the article with the following anecdote:

When the USSR recently celebrated the 33d anniversary of the October Revolution, responsible officials saw fit to include among the military forces participating in the grand parade a regiment of the soldiers who took part in entering Berlin. Stalin wanted to decorate three soldiers of this regiment in order to appear appreciative and encouraging.

When the three soldiers appeared before Stalin, the Soviet leader asked the first one: "I wish to bestow on you a medal in appreciation for your courage, but tell me, were you happy in your mission in Germany?"

The soldier answered: "Germany was grand, Comrade Stalin."

Stalin looked at the Justice Minister and said: "Send him to Siberia for 25 years."

Stalin asked the second soldier the same question and the soldier replied: "I derived a great benefit from service there Germany because I had the opportunity to improve my education. Germany has a high culture."

Once more Stalin was displeased with the answer and ordered the soldier sent to hard work in the Dunba Donbass? mines for 15 years.

Stalin then directed the same question to the third soldier. More alert than both of his friends, the soldier said: "Indeed, life there is unbearable, Comrade Stalin. Germany is awful."

Stalin, jubilant with this answer, said: "Good, I will fulfill any desire you might have. What do you wish?"

The alert soldier answered: "I wish to continue performing my duty. Send me to Germany once more."

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